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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Inventors: Roberto AVALLONE et al.) Examiner: Not assigned
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For: OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM WITH RAMAN AMPLIFIERS COMPRISING A SUPERVISORY SYSTEM))))

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examining this application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this amendment.

An abstract is provided on page 12 of this amendment and as a separate page enclosed herewith.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this amendment.